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REMARKS

Claims 1-37 have been held subject to restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121.

In particular, the PTO states that the application contains claims directed to three patentably distinct species, i.e., a first species corresponding to Figures 1 & 2, a second species corresponding to Figures 3 & 4, and a third species corresponding to Figures 5 & 6.

Applicant has been required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

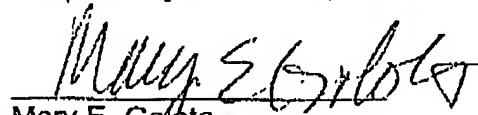
Applicants note that claims 1-4, 11-30, and 33-37 correspond to species (I) of Figures 1 & 2, claims 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 correspond to species (II) of Figures 3 & 4, and claims 31 and 32 correspond to Figures 5 & 6.

Applicants hereby elect species (II) corresponding to Figures 3 & 4, i.e., claims 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

CONCLUSION

Applicant(s) respectfully submit that the application and pending claims are patentable in view of the foregoing. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. As always, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the Undersigned by telephone if direct conversation would be helpful.

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